

INDOOR SPORTS

No doubt there are quite a number of people in Torrance who do not know that an athletic meet of surpassing magnitude took place in their community since the last issue of this paper. But, though strange, 'tis true. The meet was staged in the newly enlarged Legion Hall, and the contestants were mainly Legionnaires, though one or two friends of the Post who were athletically inclined also participated.

The main event, in which all the contestants took part, was the hammer-throw. And maybe you think those boys didn't throw a mean hammer. They had the Olympic games looking like a horse-shoe contest at a Kansas picnic. It's true that no prizes were given and no time kept, but the result of the meet speaks for itself.

If the gentlereader will take the trouble to step inside the door of the Legion Hall they will find instead of a rather bare, cold-looking room as heretofore, a real, regular roomy auditorium, the walls of which are ceiled with matched lumber. The west end of the building now contains a fine, large stage, on one side of which is a room to be

used as a kitchen, while a room on the other side is to be made into a dressing room.

Those of us who attended the dance last Saturday evening received some idea of what the hall will look like when entirely completed, which will probably be by this coming Saturday. So the least we can say is: Go to the dance Saturday night, you people of Torrance, and see for yourself a structure that you may well be proud of. And let us say here that if the dance last Saturday night is a fair sample of what the Saturday night dances will be in the future, those of us who enjoy the gentle art of foot-shaking cannot be wrong should we attend.

PRESIDENT VISITS LOCAL PLANT

John Seimers, president of the National Window Glass Works Association of America, was in Torrance last week meeting with the members of his organization and the manufacturers. This is Mr. Seimers, whose headquarters are in Cleveland, Ohio, first trip to Torrance as he has only recently been elected to the presidency to succeed Joseph Neenan, who has resigned.

DISTILLERY FOR GASOLINE AND OIL MAY COME HERE

The possibility of securing another great industry for Torrance is announced and made possible by the invention of a shale-oil distilling process which separates petroleum oil from shale and also makes possible the recovery of gasoline at a total cost of 30 to 50 cents per barrel. The Standard Oil Company owns a patent on a process, but this newer invention, by E. W. Hartman of Oakland, makes a wider field for shale distillation. The Devon Oil Shale Company of Cincinnati has a plant with a capacity of 250 tons at Clay City, Ky., and a 500 ton capacity plant at Lamar, Mo. It is said that one ton of oil shale will yield one barrel of oil, and that a plant of 250 tons capacity as likely to be built in Torrance will cost \$40,000, and at these figures would be very profitable.

A model of this Hartman oil still is on exhibition in the rear of the Hellman Bank Bldg., Los Angeles, where the process may be more readily understood upon examination. In the event of the establishment of a treatment plant, the shale would be shipped in from many points deemed too inaccessible or unprofitable for various reasons, Torrance being considered the more desirable locality, one of which reasons being its desirability as a central or virtually more central point commanding better shipping facilities for incoming raw materials than any other place under consideration.

OIL DEVELOPMENT NEWS—BIG DERRICKS GOING UP

The oil development work is progressing in a satisfactory manner, and it is actual oil development, the stage that counts and which gives assurance to all those who have invested in property in any part of the district tributary to this territory. Torrance Well No. 1 on Madrona street is now down to 1500 feet, with indications growing better every day. This well is between the Santa Fe, as locally designated, and Torrance. The Chancellor-Canfield Midway has ordered two sets of drilling tools and equipment for immediate use on their nearby holdings and are going after the subterranean wealth in their usual vigorous manner, and they are fortified in their actions by their experts who have pronounced this as oil territory. The Standard lease of 36 acres on Madrona street is right in the development line; a roadway is being prepared for the heavy trucking of equipment and a tool house and other buildings are being erected and immediate preparations also for building the derrick which will soon be in position. Altogether the future is bright with the assurance of many wells coming into production sooner than the public may think, for these companies are engaged in development work and are not particularly interested in giving out any information. But the actual and visible development as shown on the ground is a far better criterion than any amount of talk on paper. There is, therefore, abundant reason for an optimistic view of the early future.

SPOONING IN THE CHURCH

Should the church approve the "Courtin' Hour" will be the subject of a preliminary discussion by the pastor of the First Baptist church of Torrance. This discussion will be followed by the sermon "Why Does the Bible Chronicle the Great Sins of Its Characters." You are welcome. The time is 7:30 sharp.



TRAINING TO STAKES

Growing Vegetables and Flowers Upright Saves Space.

Better Results Are Obtained From Most Plants by Keeping Them Off the Ground.

A good supply of large and small stakes is not a bad guess for the cottage garden. There are some vegetables that will give better results by being trained to stakes than if allowed to spread out on the ground. Often this is not only better for the vegetables, but it saves the space for planting some other crop. The same is true of some flowering plants that otherwise might spread over several feet of space. Most plants look better when properly staked and kept pruned. Sun



Easy to Cultivate.

and plenty of air are necessary to almost any vegetable or flowering plant. Stakes can be used for several seasons if cared for after the growing season is over.

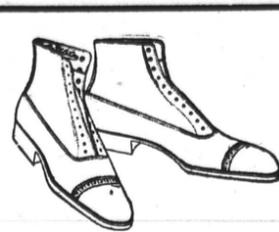
CHICKEN FENCE WIRE HANDY

Small Gardeners Will Find the Woven Two-Inch Mesh Valuable—Takes Place of Stakes.

Many vegetable and flowering vines can be successfully grown on chicken fence wire. In the fall the wire can be taken down and used for succeeding years for similar purposes. It will enable the small gardener to raise more vegetables and flowers than if they were allowed to lie on the ground and spread out over valuable space.

Cucumbers, lima and climbing string beans, nasturtiums and numerous other vegetables of spreading variety, as well as almost any vine-flowering plants can be successfully trained on the wire trellis permitting of the use of the ground space ordinarily covered by vines being used for something else. Give the vine plants plenty of air and sunshine, and water when needed, and they will give an excellent accounting of themselves on the wire.

Mrs. Downs, of Kansas City, and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Wentz, of Pasadena, spent Sunday with Mrs. Ted Wentz of Torrance Park.



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ANNOUNCEMENT -

H. C. GARDNER
Of Torrance

Wishes to announce to the Voters of Torrance that he has filed Nomination Papers for the position of

City Clerk of Torrance.

Election to be held on April 10. Your support will be appreciated.

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